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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### BRITISH RAILWAYMEN.

LONDON, January 14th.  
In response to a summons from Mr. Lloyd George respecting the railway situation, Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transport, and Sir R. S. Horne, Minister of Labour, have gone to Paris. Consequently, the conference between the railwaymen and Sir Eric Geddes fixed for January 14th has been postponed until January 15th when Sir Eric will have returned with the Premier's views on the question.

Moreover, it is anticipated that a Cabinet meeting is being held on January 14th, and that a decision as regards the rejection of the Government's offer will be communicated on Tuesday.  
It is pointed out in Government circles that if the men's full demands are conceded, the nation would have fought the autumn strike in vain, and it is regarded probable that the Government will be unable to recede from the position already taken up, while it is believed that the hostility of the branches to the terms arranged with the leaders is largely due to misapprehension.

Meanwhile, it is noteworthy to recall that, in a recent speech at Birmingham, Mr. J. H. Thomas described the offer as an immense advance and a fair and honorable settlement which the railwaymen ought to accept as it would bring untold blessings on the great mass of the railwaymen.

### DISTURBED EGYPT.

CAIRO, January 14th.  
The Italians in Cairo are excited at the death of a compatriot, a musician from the Kurnasi, who was killed by a blow from a pickaxe handle while endeavouring to force a cordon of British troops who were clearing a crowded crossing for the passage of a guard of honour from the station after the departure of Lord Allenby on January 13th.  
Most of the orchestras refused to play last night, as a protest against the death. Egyptian agitators, making capital of the incident, arranged a procession to the cemetery in the morning.  
The Italian Consul-General, who accepted the British ultimatum, directed the funeral to avoid demonstrations.  
There was an Egyptian demonstration in the Kurnasi at noon, when the crowd displayed the Italian flag and shouted "Down with England." "Long live Italy."

### THE WORLD'S SHIPBUILDING.

Lloyd's Register shows that nearly 5,000,000 tons of shipping were being built in the United Kingdom on December 31st, an increase of 77,000 compared with September 30th, and over 1,000,000 compared with December 31st, 1918. This includes 55 vessels of 10,000 tons and upwards.  
Nearly 5,000,000 tons are being built abroad, a decrease of 265,000 as compared with September 30th—owing to the decrease of 600,000 in the tonnage being built in the United States.  
The world's total is nearly 8,000,000 tons, about 187,000, lower than on September 30th.

### BRITISH PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

COPENHAGEN, January 9th.  
Mr. Litvinoff, interviewed by Reuter, said that an agreement had been reached in principle with Mr. O'Grady. A definite compact now depends upon whether Britain can persuade the Archangel Government to release certain Bolshevik prisoners. Immediate release of the British wounded depends on the liberation of these Bolsheviks.  
The majority of British women interned in Russia have already been liberated on Mr. Litvinoff's representations, while Mr. O'Grady urged the British Government to release certain Russians in London.

### GERMAN ADMIRAL'S INDISCRETION.

BERLIN, January 8th.  
The resignation of Admiral Heiser, commanding the Baltic Fleet, has been accepted, following Admiral Meurer's New Year Order of the Day describing the glorious deed of the scuttling of the "Graf Zeppelin" handed over through a disgraceful breach of contract, and demanding revenge.

### DUBLIN SENSATION.

LONDON, January 8th.  
The Times Dublin correspondent says that a sensation has been caused there by the summary dismissal of Sir Joseph Byrne, Inspector-General, Royal Irish Constabulary.

### CANADIAN LABOUR'S DEMANDS.

OTTAWA, January 8th.  
In an interview with the Canadian Government, Labour Officials requested legislation establishing an eight-hour day and a 44-hour week.  
They demanded for all workers the right of organization and the recognition of the principle of collective bargaining, assistance in the formation of co-operative societies, revision of the machinery for arbitration in industrial disputes, limitation of the movement of Canadian military forces and representation of workers on the Managing Board of Government Railways.

### FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

### SERIOUS SITUATION AT IRKUTSK.

LONDON, January 8th.  
The situation is increasingly serious at Irkutsk, where there are 8,000 anti-Bolshevik insurgents. They are being constantly reinforced and, armed with machine guns and aeroplanes, the insurgents are holding up the town. It is understood that General Bomanov, who is in command of the Russian forces, is working for the evacuation of a Japanese Division.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

WASHINGTON, January 9th.  
President Wilson, in a message to the Democrat National Committee, declares that the only way to determine the will of the American people regarding the League of Nations is to make it the issue in the next election.

### AGAINST PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, January 9th.  
Mr. Bryan, addressing the Democrat National Committee, at a banquet at Jackson Ray, at which President Wilson's message was read, opposed President Wilson on the question of taking the League issue next election, declaring that the Democrat Party must accept the compromises necessary to secure the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

### STRIA.

LONDON, January 9th.  
The Morning Post says that news has been received in London from Cairo that the Syrian National Volunteers held up a train on which General Gouraud's Chief of Staff was travelling, on the Beirut-Damascus line, and removed him to the mountains.  
It is assumed the Chief of Staff was proceeding to Damascus to investigate the Baalbek fight, when he was kidnapped.

### FURTHER "WILLY-NICKY" LETTERS.

LONDON, January 8th.  
The Morning Post publishes further "Willy-Nicky" correspondence. The ex-Kaiser, on December 4th, 1918, gives information of the clandestine arming of Chinese by Japanese as "signals" from the Admiral of the Pacific to the Admiral of the Pacific.  
On January 3rd, 1919, he encloses English Press articles on the German Navy and Russia's policy to illustrate the "odious incomprehensible hypocrisy of English."

He says: "Korea must and will be Russian, but when and how concerns only you and your country." On January 9th, 1919, he writes: "The Japs will listen to reason, notwithstanding the frantic efforts of the Vile Press of a certain country."

### FLYING TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, January 8th.  
The Australian, Lieutenants Farrar and Macintosh, departed to-day from Hounslow on aeroplane D 59 for Australia.

### THE MOULDERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, January 8th.  
The result of the moulders' ballot concerning the settlement shows that 14,718 are against the acceptance of the terms and 5,631 are for the acceptance.

### THE LABOUR PARTY.

LONDON, January 8th.  
Mr. Arthur Henderson, speaking at Widnes, repudiated the suggested alliance of the Labour and Liberal Parties on the ground that such alliances spelled a compromise, while Labour stood for principles which did not admit of a compromise.

### LICENCING REFERENDUM.

WILLINGBORO, N.Y., January 8th.  
The result of the Licensing Referendum showed: for the continuation of the present laws 241,000 votes; for State purchase and control, 25,000; for Prohibition, 270,000.  
Consequently the absolute majority, which is necessary to carry any change, was not obtained and the present licensing system continues.

### COMING MARATHON RACE.

A Marathon Race under the auspices of the Hongkong Boxing Association, is announced for Feb. 7. A course has been mapped out which will carry the competitors along Causeway Road, Pokfulam Road, Jubilee Road, back to the centre of the City. In this respect it differs from the event of a couple of years ago when Shaokwan was the turning point. The idea of the present course is to avoid as much as possible the tramway track. The fine open roads of the west side of the island should provide plenty of room for runners and followers without inconvenience to the regular traffic of the City. The race will be a good test of endurance as there is quite an amount of hill work to be negotiated. Entries for the event should be sent to the Secretary, Hongkong Boxing Association.

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The Hon. Attorney General in making the application, said that this was an application for the approval, admission and enrolment of Michael, Howard Turner to practise as a solicitor in these Honourable Courts. Mr. Turner asked for four exemptions, viz.—certificate of fitness and character, certificate of proof that his admission in London was still in force, four months' notice to the Hongkong Law Society and four months' notice to the Registrar.

Reading an affidavit by applicant the Attorney General said that Mr. Turner was articled to Messrs. Loughboro and Gedge of Austin Friars, London, but before he received his certificate of admission he proceeded to Canada to take up an appointment in Winnipeg and therefore had not obtained his certificate of fitness and character. There he received a certificate enabling him to practise as a solicitor on the King's Bench Manitoba. Shortly after he arrived in Canada the war broke out and he immediately joined the Forces and proceeded to England, thence to France, where he served throughout the war.

His Lordship—He seems to have lost no time in joining up.

The Attorney General—No, My Lord.  
Proceeding, the Attorney General said that Mr. Turner had an interview with Mr. Looker, at Home, and in consequence of that arrived in Hongkong recently, to join the firm of Messrs Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston. The Law Society and the Registrar had expressed their willingness to waive the matter of the usual four months' notice. A further affidavit was read, as to identification, filed by Mr. J. Scott Harston.

His Lordship—Certainly the photograph bears some resemblance. I understand that Mr. Turner, immediately after passing his final examination proceeded to Canada so that he would not have taken out a certificate to practise in England?

The Attorney General—Yes, my Lord.

His Lordship—If I make the order for admission it will be necessary that he shall have a certificate to show that his admission is still in force. I may say at once that although through no fault of Mr. Turner's, it appears to be rather extraordinary that these formalities, necessary for the admission of a solicitor in Hongkong, were not put before him by Mr. Looker, who, I believe, was president of the Law Society here. Some amendments were made to the ordinance at the suggestion of the Law Society and it appears to me that either the ordinance should be complied with or it should be repealed. I shall make the order subject to the necessary documents being forthcoming. In the meantime, I must ask the Attorney General to be good enough to recommend to the Law Society that the requirements of the ordinance must be complied with or I shall recommend the Government that they be taken off the statute book. Mr. Turner, I have much pleasure in admitting you to practise in these Courts. You have been actively engaged for a period of about five years in serving your country. That in itself shows the grit you are made of and I doubt not that it augurs well for your future as a solicitor. I have much pleasure in admitting you.  
Mr. Turner—Thank you, my Lord.

## DIPLOMATIC COURIER SHOT.

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR ON RUSSIAN SHIP AT DOVER.

A certificate found on the dead man, showing that he was a diplomatic courier travelling from Omsk, Siberia, to Denmark, was produced at the inquest held at Dover on Otto Goldschmidt, who was found shot on the liner "Mitsu".

This certificate had been issued by the acting Danish Minister at Omsk. Goldschmidt was a first-class passenger on the Russian East Asiatic liner "Mitsu", and was shot in his cabin. The inquest was adjourned for a fortnight for evidence from the ship, which had proceeded to Newcastle.

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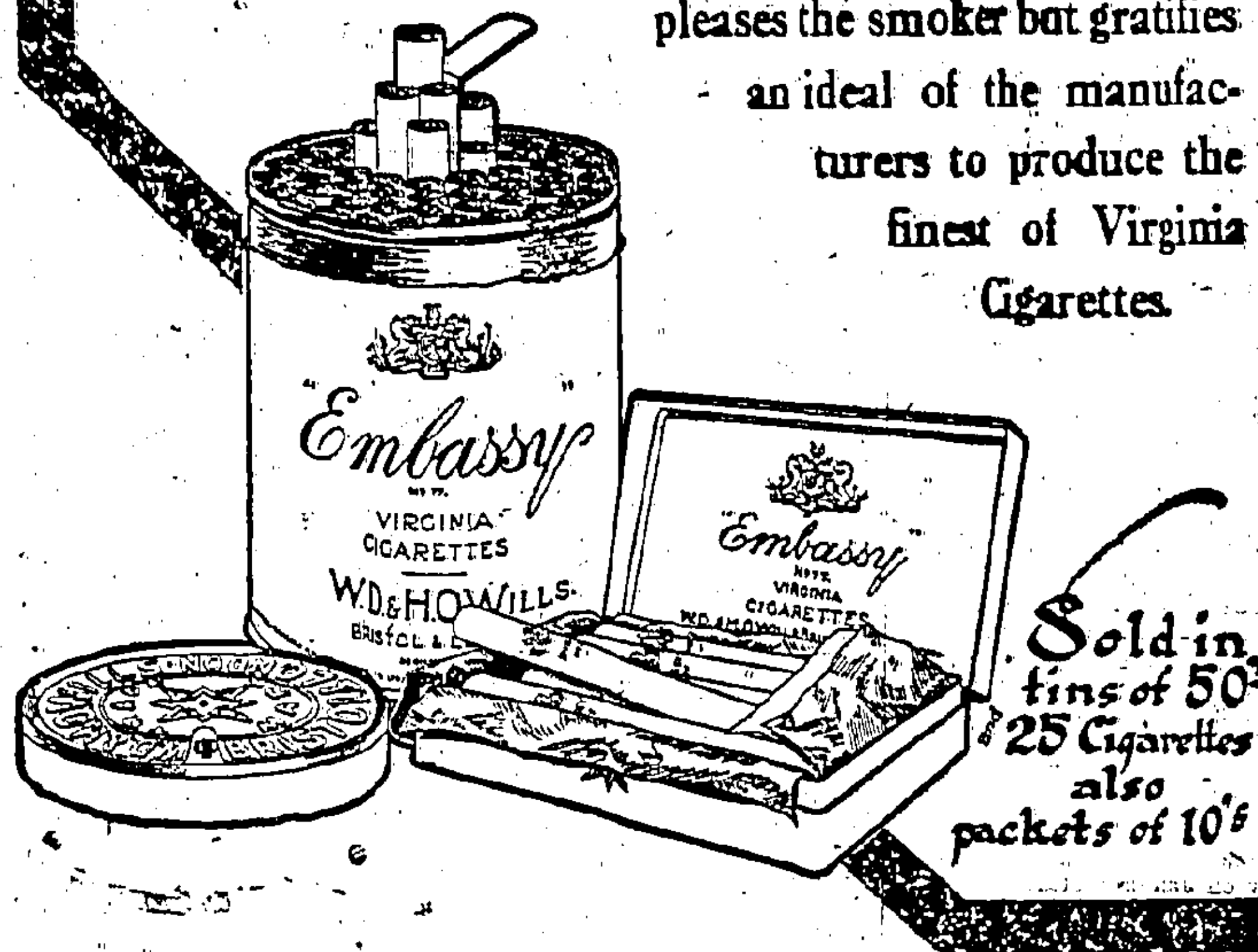
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## NEWS FROM HOME.

## CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL FUTURE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
LONDON, Dec. 1.

We had an interesting evening at the China Society, when Prof. Middleton Smith of the Hongkong University lectured on industrial China. The Chinese Minister was a very excellent chairman, and there was a large attendance.

The Professor first of all paid a very high tribute to Sir Charles Elliot, and then proceeded to describe some of his observations during seven years in the East. The progress of the Chinese in the Straits Settlements showed that if only they had suited government they could take advantage of their opportunities.

I paid the usual testimony to the honesty of the best type of Chinese merchant "whose word is as good as his bond." At present the tide of scientific progress was sweeping round the world and it had gone beyond the shores of China. The steamship, the cable and the Suez Canal had exercised powerful influences in this direction.

Describing England as the workshop of the world, the Professor went on to extol the natural resources of China, and he argued that with co-operation between the British and the Chinese the one could supply the other and there would be wonderful developments that would benefit the whole world.

The Chinese as an artisan, he said, is entitled to great respect, and he spoke of a Chinese mechanic who was employed in a Hongkong works where he saved some money. Then he went to Canton, built an engine from memory, then made a lathe for the engine to drive and then began to turn out engines for other people.

Once the skill of the Chinese workman was properly trained and utilized there were great possibilities in the country. He entirely disbelieved in the Yellow Peril—either in the military or the economic sense.

What was needed was co-operation between the Chinese and the British. If that were secured more extensively there would be great progress in the next few years.

With regard to the education of the young Chinese he was in favour of their being taught, at least up to the graduate stage, in colleges established in the East, so that the shock of change in their impressionable years should not be too great. He gave an instance of a Chinese friend who came to him and said he would place his second son at the Hongkong University instead of sending him, like his eldest son, to Europe. His eldest son had come home after nine years' absence and did not like things at home. The Chinese father was distressed when the son turned round on him and said

and said, "I say, old bean, you mustn't go on like that you know."

"I believe," the Professor declared, "that it is possible that the development of China will be more rapid than many people think. Manufacturers should take advantage of the experience of merchants who have been out there for years, but should also have technical men on the spot to keep machinery going, so that disappointments would be fewer and more machines would be ordered."

The Chinese Minister at the close of the lecture, expressed agreement with the Professor on the importance of co-operation. He added "I think it is wrong for us to think too much of the past. We would be much better employed in doing more in our own days." He spoke enthusiastically of the inducements offered to Chinese students in America and hoped more would be done in that direction in England.

Sir Charles Addis chaffed the lecturer on his "robust optimism, and regretted that he could not altogether share it, for, said he, "I have been told ever since I went to China that we were on the eve of remarkable developments." There was a doubt in his mind as to whether rapid development in China was a thing really to be desired. England's industrial expansion took place most prominently in the last two-thirds of the last century. Every honest student of commercial history knew that it was accomplished at the price of much physical and moral degradation of a large section of the people, and most of all of the women and children. A whole series of factory acts have had to be passed to protect them. Foreign trade was only a means to an end—that the country could obtain things it could not produce or only at a greater effort than in another country. The only advantage to a nation in foreign trade lies in the comparative cost of necessities. That was a severe test for an agricultural country like China, which produced within her own borders not only the finest cloth in her silks and furs, but the finest food in rice, and the finest beverage in tea.

The danger lay not in wanting more foreign things but in wanting the right things. It was a matter of education, and as to that, he agreed with the Professor. He believed that the growth and expansion of the trade of China had been mixed up with the missionary movement—an indebtedness, people in this country had not always been ready to acknowledge. As to the students, no one could regard the situation in Europe with satisfaction. The student came to another civilisation, the old moral sanction was suspended, and he was in a position of extreme moral danger. Until there were proper hostels where these comparatively callow youths could be cared for—and they were a long way from that yet—it would be wise to think of the matter.

## HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN IRELAND.

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Two highway robberies took place near Knocknagree, Co. Cork, recently. Bank managers of the National and the Munster and Leinster Banks respectively, travelling in motors, were held up by armed men and robbed of between £15,000 and £20,000—one message states that the amount was £18,200.

A fair was held in Knocknagree, where there is no bank, and the managers travelled to the village from Cork, the one in a motor-car, the other in a motor-cycle, with large sums of money and securities. At a deserted part of the road a number of armed men confronted the motor-cycle and threatening the driver, an assistant at the bank, with revolvers, ordered him to stop. Both the manager and the assistant were then bound and gagged and hidden among some bushes, and the money and securities were taken. The other manager was similarly treated. The "highwaymen" then escaped and have not been captured.

sities in China.

Sir Richard Dane paid a tribute to the co-operation of the Chinese with their foreign colleagues in the administration of the salt gabelle.

In reply, Professor Middleton Smith got in some neat jests at the expense of those who had spoken. Sir Charles Addis, he said, evidently wished to be considered a pessimist. But the facts were against him, for he was a Governor of the Bank of England and any man who could remain in that position with the present war debt facing him must be an optimist at heart. As to the self-contained condition of China, he was content to be considered "a griffin," as one speaker had called him, so it was possible after he had lived many more years in the country he might even come to the conclusion that rice was the most delightful food.

No doubt the missionaries had done all that Sir Charles Addis had said, but could they not take a lesson from the American missionaries and give lectures on the technical affairs of life and in that way attract the young Chinese to the spiritual through the material.

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## The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13, 1920.

## ADVERSARIA.

A little alcoholic rage, fresh from the men far greater and wiser than we, the moral responsibility of combating people like "Pussyfoot" Johnson does not unduly depress us. Indeed, gentles, boozes as a thing, if not as a name, is still respectable with our people. On the gallery of a church in Norfolk are carved these words:

God give the plough  
And give us good ale new.  
Be merry and glad,  
With good ale was this work made.

One likes to dwell on a mind picture of the excellent and pious fellow who did that work sipping ale the while. Rubicund he would be, with laughing eyes, and a merry heart, the sort of man about whose knees the children love to cluster, and for whose footfall the wife's ears listened eagerly. There are such men still in Norfolk, and they still drink "bare" as they call it, the Squire and the Parson not disdaining the old-fashioned evening parliament in the village inn.

Teetotal fanatics, having drawn frightful pictures of the human system, it is a comfort to learn from less biased sources that alcoholic drinks dilate the gastric blood-vessels, cause increased secretion of gastric juice, and greater activity in the movements of the muscles of the wall of the stomach. If that isn't good, the taste is; and we have lots of respect for the man who says candidly that he doesn't take it because it is good for him but because he likes it.

History is the most ancient and universal thing. A prehistoric Hindoo hymn sings its praises. The Egyptians of the fourth dynasty made beer from malt and red barley. The *sythum* of the Greeks was a barley brew, and the wine of the grape is older still. Pliny tells of beer in Spain and Gaul, and the tradition of Kaffir beer from millet is also ancient. *Samsu* and *sake* we know. There is no ancient people that does not seem to have discovered its own liquid comfort, for which it thanked its gods, or (in the case of the Hebrews) Father Noah.

Mr. Johnson is a paid organizer and agitator, not a fanatic. He enjoys a good cigar, and he confessed to an audience at

Birmingham: "I like beer myself." He admitted that there was a strong element of nourishment in beer, "but it only stimulates as the whole eggs on a horse." He is advocating "local option," a phrase which sounds eminently fair and reasonable and was perhaps responsible for hypnotizing the United States into its present trance of tyranny. It is less fair than it sounds, because 51 people can bully 49, and an aggressive minority with money can override an apathetic majority without. Somehow the killjoys always do seem to have the money. It is the money, and not the persuasive eloquence of "Pussyfoot," that British liberty is threatened by, not "Pussyfoot" but "Pussyfoot."

It has been remarked that Shanghai is more democratic than Hongkong. It may be so, but if Shanghai ways are to be inseparably associated with democracy, we shall pray to be saved from it. The Chinese want representation on the Municipal Council. It is a democratic community that is not unreasonable. No imperial problems stand in the way. It is an international, democratic settlement. Being snubbed, and insulted with some foolish, futile arguments that we have already analysed and exposed as fit only to be conceived by mental children for mental children, they decided to try persuasion. They took the very respectable British slogan of "no taxation without representation," and refused to pay their taxes. We were then told that the Council was "stiff" and finally "adamant." We don't doubt that, especially as regards the heads. We are, however, hoping that our correspondent was in error in reporting that the Council proceeded against the defaulters criminally. Our own "passive resistors" at Home were not so treated; and if we know anything of the Chinese, we will do no good in this case. It isn't a "crime"—it is a political manoeuvre. As for the incident of the British Assessor at the Mixed Court "suspending" an American lawyer for making a contingent prophecy (something on Sir Edward Carson's lines) we are not doing the worrying. We guess Uncle Sam is big enough and strong enough to attend to that.

The Jackson case of religious intolerance has barely faded from our memories when we get the extraordinary prosecution of a Sikh as reported in yesterday's *China Mail*. Happily the poor fellow was acquitted, so we need not go over the peculiar circumstances of the case. It is sufficient to say that unless those "Orders in Council" are more discreetly used, at the northern settlement, they will stand a chance of becoming discredited altogether for Shanghai is cosmopolitan, and it has grown too big to stand what we would not tolerate at Home. Shanghai is full of people who regularly jettison and bring into mockery the faiths of the Chinese. This is not calculated to cause breaches of the peace, because the Chinese among all people set us such a glorious example of tolerance and trust in argument and public opinion; but it is just as much within the mischief of that Order in Council as either of the two cases referred to. There seems to be something in the air of Shanghai that makes the average British resident there forget all he was ever taught of elementary principles. What are we to think of men who have the nerve to tell the Chinese they are there (i.e. in Shanghai) "on sufferance"? French's contemptible little army was in France on sufferance, but we never heard of a Frenchman saying so. As Shanghai is in China, well, there's a difference.

It was inadvertent, and not intentional, CONAN DOYLE, all when we referred to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle the other day as Mr. Doyle. Ties have been scattered about in such a wholesale way during the last lustrum that a body does not seem able to keep track of them, without diligent study that the matter is not worth. Discussing the Church Congress discussion of spiritualism, *The Referee*, which is not, we believe, a theological journal, says:

But if we come down to cold logic, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has quite as much right to contend that we spend our time after death, discussing literature, art, the drama, and sport as the clergy have to contend that we devote ourselves for all eternity to music and song. Personally being a mean performer upon any kind of musical instrument and no vocalist, I should prefer literature and the drama, with an occasional excursion into the realms of sport.

This clipping was handed to us by a *China Mail* student. We agree with it, of course, but cannot understand why the *Referee* man should "come down" to cold logic. Most men seem to have to climb to it, and that with difficulty.

The logic of children can hardly be called cold. Here LOGIC is a story narrated by a clergyman as an actual incident. A small boy asked him if cows and bees went to heaven when they died. "Of course not," replied the clergyman, and asked why. "I had an idea that story of milk and honey in heaven was all humbug," said the simple child.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. Yang Tien-fa is a notorious bandit in Yunnan, and he has a large following. Hitherto he and his men have presumably not had adequate opportunities of hearing the Glad Tidings. That is why Dr. Shelton and all his friends are now rejoicing, for Yang has captured the Doctor and is holding him to ransom. Dr. Shelton will, of course, seize this golden opportunity of converting those evil men, and count the misadventure a blessing undiminished.

In all labour controversies SOME hitherto the public whose PROFT, sympathy is invited, has been kept in the dark on one essential point. The workers tell about the cost of living and their privations; the employers discount that by getting the hiring Press to mention the workers are lazy, loafers. The essential point is the ratio that should exist between profits and wages. Mr. W. G. McAdoo, formerly secretary of the U. S. Treasury, has stated that the profits of the bituminous coal operators in 1917 ran as high as 2,000 (two thousand) per cent. With that state-ment accepted, and the plutocrats enjoying the use of Uncle Sam's forces to intimidate the strikers, we can understand why there should be so much talk of "Bolshevism." The Russians have given the exploiters a word more blessed than Mesopotamia. It isn't Bolshevism or anything like it. It is what one would expect when an official who had access to income-tax returns revealed that these showed earnings on capital stock ranging from fifteen per cent. to two thousand per cent. Earnings of one hundred to three hundred per cent. were not uncommon.

A reader of the *China Mail* sends in for our DEMENTAL opinion a romance in which the people of Mars, by hypnotic suggestion, are busy annexing the world by ousting human souls and themselves entering into possession of the bodies. It is an excellent idea, although not well worked out. We suggest as more plausible procedure that these desperate Martians have arranged other means for coming here, after they have hypnotized men into killing each other off. That would explain the world war satisfactorily and the apparent failure of the League of Nations, the scheme of which was the last flicker of sanity in mankind. Now we are all madder than haters.

## DO YOU COUGH?

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 5s. 1 1/2.

The Tsuchin, Tam Ho-ming again went to Lungchow on January 6.

Today's return of communicable disease shows that one British and one American resident were down with typhoid fever (enteric).

Surg-Lieut. H. W. Fitzroy Williams, of the Naval Hospital, Hongkong, has been transferred to H.M.S. "Widgeon." Surg-Lieut. Commr. A. A. Sanders, M.B., succeeds him.

It is stated that a new Superintendent of the Salt Revenue Bureau of Canton is to be appointed and the name of Tsang-Yin, the late Treasurer of Canton, is mentioned in this connection.

A big fire occurred in Nanning in the early morning on January 4 when more than 40 shops were burnt down. The fire raged for four hours and the loss of property was considerable.

The Rev. R. G. Lindsay of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon will conduct the monthly meeting of the Mother's Union at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday 20th inst. at 5 p.m.

A message from Nanning states that General Luk Wing-ting is now slightly better. The President, Hsu Shi-chang, sent a doctor to attend to General Luk as soon as the President learned of the General's illness.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes to the pupils at the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians on Saturday next, at noon. All interested in Education are cordially invited to attend.

H.E. the Governor is to entertain all officers, non-commissioned officers and men, who have served at any of the fronts and have now returned to the Colony, at a Garden Party at Government House on February 7.

As a sequel to the recent fires in Canton the Kung On Insurance Company, and two other insurance companies have suspended business. The insurance rates have been increased from \$20 to \$25 for \$1,000 in consequence.

Sung Yuen-yun, the leader of the revolution in Fukien, has been compelled to leave Fukien. Sung, who is a member of the Canton Parliament, has been asked to attend the Constitutional Convention in Canton, but he is going to Shanghai.

Mr. G. T. M. Edkins, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, and Mrs. Edkins came down from Shanghai by the *Nanking* on a short visit to the Colony. Mr. J. de B. Lancaster was amongst those who returned to the Colony yesterday by the same steamer.

The Canton authorities have received reports from the Linshan district that the principal city in the district was raided on January 6 by a gang of about 300 bandits, who have now established themselves there. The Magistrate was away from the city at the time. All the local officials have fled.

Sir Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., Commissioner of Weihai-wei, having left the Territory on leave of absence, Mr. A. P. Blount assumed the Administration of the Territory on December 22. Captain A. C. M. Binn has been appointed to act as Senior District Officer and Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Territory.

A petition, signed by many young ladies who are supporters of women suffrage—a movement recently launched in Canton—was presented to members of the Constitutional Convention on Monday. The petition demands: M.P.s. to include a clause in the laws of the Constitution giving women equal rights with men and equal educational facilities.

The Directors of the Canton Municipal Council recently issued an order for widening the Tungchun Road to 150 feet. All the bridges on the Bund are to be destroyed to form a level roadway. In rebuilding the shops recently destroyed by fire the owners have been ordered to follow the instructions given by the Municipal Council for leaving a margin for widening the streets.

The Canton Military Government on hearing that Cheong King-yew, the Hunan Tsuchin, has closed all the schools in Hunan owing to the students' agitation, has telegraphed to the Peking Government asking for the Tsuchin's dismissal. The Education Association in Canton held a special meeting on January 11 to discuss the appointment of the new principals of the Government Law School, the Normal School for girls and the First Primary School. The students of these institutions are now on strike in sympathy with the principals who have been dismissed. The teachers of these schools are also contemplating protesting against the action of the Civil Governor in the matter.

## SPECIAL CABLES.

## WEISS MURDER MYSTERY.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, January 14. A charge of murder has been preferred against a coolie in connection with the Weiss affair. A material witness is also detained in custody at the Mixed Court. The mystery promises to be soon cleared up.

## THE SHANGHAI AGITATION.

TROUBLE POSTPONED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 14. The storm in connection with the shopkeepers' trouble has practically blown over. A strike is unlikely. The Chinese agitators are much chastened following the Council's firm attitude. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce is entirely satisfied with the Council's promise to submit the question of a Chinese advisory committee to the next ratepayers' meeting. On Tuesday eighty shops paid their rates.

## SHANGHAI POLICE SCANDAL.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 14. Constable Allen of the Municipal Police Force will be tried on January 26 by a jury, in connection with the recent opium raid in conjunction with Chinese.

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By arrangement with Wah Tsz Yat Po.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 13.

On the ratification of the German peace treaty Japan will bring out the Shantung case for settlement.

Kan Wan Pang telegraphed Tong Shiu Yi in his private capacity requesting him to bring the early settlement of the disputes existing between the North and South in order to save the country.

The Peking Government is taking defensive steps against Bolshevistic invasion. The total receipts for the salt and customs revenue during the 8th year of the Republic are estimated at \$90,000,000.

The Minister of Finance proposes to raise taxes on luxuries on similar lines to the taxing of tobaccos and wine.

The Shantung Tsuchin reports that an extraordinary movement of the Japanese troops is being noticed at Tsingtao.

The Hunan Tsuchin in reply to the Government's enquiry into the importation of opium, says that the opium there was for military hospital use.

It is proposed to hold a national exhibition at Peking for the purpose of encouraging industry.

The Cabinet telegraphed to the Canton Authorities asking for joint action to suppress Bolshevistic propaganda.

## COTTON AND YARN.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall, Cotton and Yarn Brokers, report on January 12 as follows:

Since our last report on the 16th ult. by Sir "Dilwara" various unforeseen events have occurred which have tended to weaken our yarn market, which has remained very dull during this interval at a decline of \$4/8 per bale with small transactions amounting to 3,000 bales.

The main factors, which have caused this unfavourable condition, are the heavy fluctuations in exchange on India and the eagerness of the Chinese dealers to secure advantage on the goods which they are now receiving as part of their forward purchases of cheaper rates, while recent large arrivals are also affecting our market.

At the close the tendency is weak. Since past few days, news have been received from Bombay by wire of the closing of all Spinning Mills owing to a big general strike of Mill Hands.

Total Sales 3,000 bales. Unsold Stocks 9,000 bales. Undeared 19,000 bales. Arrivals.—From Bombay to Hongkong 14,000.

Shanghai.—The market is reported very easy with a slight downward tendency.

Japanese Yarn.—The embargo on yarn export from Japan has not yet been raised, hence no business has passed in this yarn and latest quotations are as under:

Bales Nagasaki No. 20s at \$348; bales 30s at \$323; bales 40s at \$346; bales Yellow Joes No. 20s at \$344; Seton No. 10s at \$243; Seton No. 20s at \$352; Blue Fish No. 20s at \$348.

Raw Cotton.—No Stock. Quotations Bengal 42/47 per picul. Quotations Chinese 45/55 per picul.

Spend your Evenings in a "WALLA WALLA" Lunch.

## THE OPERA.

## "RIGOLETTO."

"Rigoletto" drew a large audience at the Theatre Royal, last night, the Portuguese community being particularly well represented. The synopsis of the plot was given on the programme, as usual, so repetition is unnecessary. It is interesting to note, however, that Caruso made his American debut in "Rigoletto" as the Duke, in 1903.

Of course, last night's presentation was a very much "cut" version and the singing was not as good as on former occasions, some disappointment being expressed in the case of Miss Kasanskia, who made her first appearance. Her coloratura is good and well under control, although the part (Gilda) does not give her many opportunities in this direction but her higher register is decidedly worn out, some of her natural notes having quite gone being replaced with somewhat harsh head notes. Mr. Svetloff as the Duke at times was unacceptably flat, particularly in the last scene when he finished in the wings. Miss Ziranova in the mezzo part sang beautifully and Mr. Chochloff in the title role took a most difficult part perfectly. The other parts were well taken and on the whole the presentation was successful. No fault could be found with the orchestra.

There was a fearful "mess up" with regard to the seating and people were wandering about looking for their seats almost all through the fine introduction and, through half the first act, a Chinese attendant was holding a conversation with one of the audience in the front row of the circle. The writer of this criticism would remind the management that despite what may be said to the contrary, there are still some people in Hongkong who appreciate opera to an extent that any such discordant elements as mentioned above are calculated to spoil the whole evening, and it is not right that their pleasure should be spoiled by people who go to opera for goodness knows what.

## CHINESE BANDITS CAPTURE MISSIONARY.

Here is a translation of a telegram received from Mr. Carpenter, of Yunnanfu, by Mr. J. L. McPherson. Many foreigners have been robbed of everything recently near Yunnanfu. The climax came on January 3 when Mr. Shelton, an American missionary doctor, and his family, coming from Batang, Szechwan, were attacked by Yangtsefu, a well known robber chief with a large band of robbers. This occurred at a distance of 50 miles to the west of Yunnanfu. The doctor was carried away to the mountains and is now being held for ransom. After some delay, his wife, accompanied by two (mutilated word) arrived at Yunnanfu. We have no further news of the doctor since his capture.

## HONGKONG THEATRE.

For some reason or other the beautiful photo-drama "Borrowed Plumage" in five parts, which was announced to take place during the week ending was unavoidably postponed till to-day at 5.15 and 9.15 p.m. performances and it will run on till Friday night. This is a patriotic comedy of the time when that bold Scot-American John Paul Jones was skirting the coast of Ireland, whose story we have already described in one of our past issues. The story in general is bright and pleasing and very attractive. Owing to the repeated request by the Chinese community, the magnificent drama "Red Ace," a serial film of eighteen episodes will be screened during 7.15 performance. Needless to say whenever Marie Walcamp appears on the screen a large attendance is always guaranteed. This daring actress by her wonderful feats has surpassed her reputation to all other artists in the Kinema.

The Canton authorities have received reports from Shanghai that Wong Yap-tong, the chief of the Northern Peace Delegation, suddenly left Shanghai, on January 3. Wong is said to have returned to Peking to see the ex-Premier, Tuan Chijui, about the formation of a new Cabinet in Peking. Wong, it is stated, is to be appointed Premier. Another message states that Wong has been recalled to Peking for party reasons. Wong's departure has given rise to doubts about the resumption of the Shanghai Conference.

In view of the work on the reclamation of the Chingchow shores, near Macao, being continued by the Portuguese in spite of a protest by the Canton authorities, the Peking Government has now sent a telegram to the Military Government discussing the question of sending gunboats to prevent the Portuguese from carrying on the reclamation. The Military Government proposes to send three more gunboats in addition to the three which the Peking Government is said to be sending. Sensational developments are expected as there are some 300 Portuguese soldiers on their way to Macao to protect the reclamation works.

## ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

## HALF A DOZEN PROSECUTION.

A Police search party under Sergt. Fallon boarded the s.s. "Nanking" on her arrival from America yesterday, and made a big seizure of arms and ammunition from the luggage of the Chinese passengers on board.

This morning six Chinese were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with the unlawful possession of the contraband.

In the first case called Mr. A. H. Crew appeared for a Chinese who was charged with the possession of two revolvers and 176 rounds of ammunition. He said that his client was born in San Francisco, where he was in the grocery business. He had the revolvers and ammunition in his possession for a long time, and as he was going to Hoiping, his parents' native place, he took the things with him. He did not know that it was unlawful to possess arms in Hongkong. Besides, said Counsel, he failed to see how his client could be said to have concealed the contraband in any way.

The Police said that the revolvers were discovered in the toe end of a pair of shoes, whilst the ammunition was stuffed into the lining of a tea caddy.

A fine of \$400 was imposed. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for another defendant who was charged with the unlawful possession of a revolver and 187 rounds of ammunition, and said that his client was a farm labourer in British Columbia. One of his duties was to look after cattle and as that was a dangerous job he was given the revolver to protect himself. He had a licence in America but has not brought it with him. He did not know it was unlawful to bring the contraband to Hongkong.

A fine of \$300 was imposed. When a third man was charged with the possession of a part of a revolver concealed in a sewing machine, Mr. E. J. Grist, who appeared for the defence, said that his client did not know the contraband was in the machine. As a matter of fact, he did not pack the machine. Some silly person who did the packing must have thought the piece of metal formed part of the machine and threw it in. It was clear that a particular part of a revolver was useless to the defendant or anyone else without the other parts and the fact that the other parts had not been found proved his innocence.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$200.

Another Chinese who appeared in Court in the uniform of a private of the United States Army and wore a medal on his left breast, was charged with the unlawful possession of two revolvers, a Mauser pistol and 4 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. M. K. Lo defended and said that his client who was a discharged United States soldier, was returning to his native place, and landed with the arms on his person. They were not concealed in any way.

The Police, whilst admitting that the revolvers were not concealed, said the defendant made no mention of the Mauser pistol and they had a lot of trouble searching his boxes before it was found.

His Worship referred the defendant to the C.S.P. and later, on the C.S.P.s. representative, fined the man \$400.

An elderly Chinese who had worked for 10 years in America as a field labourer, was next charged with the possession of 100 rounds of revolver ammunition and said that they were given to him a long time ago and when he came to China, he brought them with him, not knowing local regulations.

Sergt. Fallon said that the defendant appeared to be a very poor man, and it was quite evident that he was smuggling the ammunition, which was found in his overcoat, for another man.

Sentence of \$100 fine or 5 weeks' hard labour was passed.

When charged with the possession of 628 rounds of ammunition found in a card board box in his travelling sack, another Chinese said he had nothing to say and was fined \$600.

The arms and ammunition were in each case confiscated.

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## DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND.

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Add to equalization of Dividend Fund, \$25,000.

Add to Special Repairs Fund, \$20,000.

Write off book values of steamers, wharves and lighters \$40,000 and carry forward to new account \$225,767.50.



## ENGAGEMENT.

NG-WONG.—The engagement of Mr. Sydney S. H. Ng, son of Mrs. Ng Quinn, 5, Arbutnot Road, to Miss Winnie Wong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Shiu Ham, of Hongkong, took place on Tuesday, 13th January, 1920.

## TRAINING TIMES.

The following times were recorded at Happy Valley this morning—  
 Malcolm (O.P.), 34: 1.08; 1.42.  
 Louza (S.), 36: 1.08; 1.38.  
 Runaway Light (O.P.), 35: 1.10; 1.47; 2.20.  
 Dunmore Dahlia (D.), 34: 1.09; 2.5; 1.44; 2.16.  
 Primrose Dahlia (L.), 36: 1.12; 3.5; 1.47; 2.18.  
 Mountain King (O.P.), last 4: 35: 1.5; 1.17; 1.48.  
 Purdy Dahlia (O.P.), 35; 2.5; 1.10; 1.44; 2.17; 3.5.  
 Alaska Chief (D.), 38: 1.14; 1.46.  
 King Bruce (S.), 40; 3.5; 1.21; 2.40; 1.8; 3.12.  
 Castlesand (O.P.), 32: 1.06; 3.5; 1.39; 3.5; 2.12; 2.5.  
 Hongkong Chief (D.), 39: 1.17; 1.52; 2.5; 2.23; 4.5.  
 Siamese Cat (O.P.), 42; 3.5; 1.21; 1.56; 3.5; 2.28.  
 Sir Paul's Derby by sub., 37: 1.10; 3.5; 1.42.  
 King Cole (S.), 41; 3.5; 1.25; —; 2.34; 3.5.  
 Sir Paul's white and dark Larsen subs., 34; 3.5; —; 1.40; 2.19; 2.21; 3.5.  
 Sandy (O.P.), 41; 2.5; —; 1.56; 2.5; Farmer (D.) and Rearbe (O.P.), 39; 1.5; 1.17; 1.54; 1.5; 2.29; 2.59; 2.5.  
 Rysa (S.) and Craigmound (S.), 41: 1.17; 1.51; 3.5.  
 Dandy Child (D.), 42; 2.5; 1.23; 1.55; 3.5.  
 Piledriver (D.), 39: 1.12; 1.50; 2.23; 2.53; 3.5.  
 Honour (S.), 37: 1.17; 1.50; 2.29; Shamrock Dahlia (D.), 36; 3.5; 1.11; 2.5; 1.45; 2.19.  
 Target (S.), Hawkes (S.) and Cigar-box (D.), 35: 1.10; 1.43; (Hawkes 1.44; 2.5).  
 Mammy's Child (S.), 41: 1.18; 1.49; 4.5.  
 Collinson (O.P.), 40: 1.15; 2.5; 1.50; 4.5; 2.31; 3.03; 2.5.  
 Othello (S.) and Brutus (S.), 36; 2.5; 1.12; 1.49.  
 Ludlow (S.), 36: 1.09; 2.5; 1.43.  
 Surprise (S.), 41: 1.18; 1.49.  
 Ironsides (D.), 35: 1.09; 1.5; 1.45; 2.17; 1.5.  
 Attraction Dahlia (O.P.), 32: 1.02; 3.5.  
 Algerian Chief (D.), 36: 1.12; 2.5; 1.47; 2.18; 2.5.  
 Trumpet (S.), —; 1.13; 1.45; 2.5.  
 Snuffbox (O.P.) and Scotchbox (O.P.), 38; 2.5; 1.15; 2.5; 1.49.  
 Plain John (D.), 37; 2.5; 1.15; 1.51; 2.27; 2.59.  
 Mighty King (O.P.) and Valley King (O.P.), 36: 1.13; 1.47; 3.5; 2.19; 3.5.  
 Naughty Child (D.), 38; 3.5; 1.15; 1.50; 3.5; 2.33; 1.5.  
 Shiny (S.), 39: 1.15; 1.51.  
 Gandmarion (L.), 42: 1.23; 2.01; 2.35.  
 Slam (O.P.) and Highside (D.), 39: 1.13; 3.5; 1.50; 3.5; 2.27; 2.58; 2.5.  
 Tartar King (D.), 35; 2.5; 1.11; 2.5; 1.47; 4.5; 2.22; 1.5.  
 Orion (S.), 37; 2.5; 1.12; 1.44; 4.5.  
 Spoilt Child (D.), 39: 1.16; 1.48; 3.5.  
 O.P. signifies Old Pony; D., Derby Griffin; S., Subscription Griffin; L., Larsen Griffin.  
 The entries for the first three days' racing this year total 1,134, made up as follows: First day 373, second day 384, third day 377. Last year the entries were 1,020, those of the first day being 336, second day 341, third day 343.  
 In connection with the "clocking" of the ponies the view has been expressed that the Jockey Club might provide some accommodation for the members of the Press who attend the morning gallops and for those who are holding the watches. Anyone who has had experience of timing the ponies knows how annoying it is to have a continual string of questions fired at them. If the Jockey Club could not give a little enclosed space it would be greatly appreciated.  
 Meanwhile, may we ask the men who offend in this way so thoughtlessly to think a moment. "Don't speak to the man at the wheel." Don't interrupt a busy man with unnecessary talk.

## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Former members of the Artillery Company, Engineer Company and Signalling Section who have not yet returned their Arms, Ammunition and Equipment to Store will do so on the following dates—  
 Artillery Company, Jan. 15, 16 & 17.  
 Engineer Company, January 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.  
 Former members of other units will return their Arms, Ammunition and Equipment to Store on the dates given in Hongkong Defence Corps Administrative Orders dated 31st December, 1919.  
 G. E. STEWART, Captain,  
 Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps,  
 Hongkong, January 1, 1920.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

The thirty-first annual general meeting of the above Company was held in the offices of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., today, at 11 a.m.  
 The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., presided and there were present the Hon. Mr. J. Johnston, Mr. C. S. Gubbay and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (Directors) and Mr. M. S. Northcote (Secretary) and Messrs F. Maitland, E. J. Chapman, E. M. Sidick, D. G. M. Bernard and L. S. Greenhill.  
 The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the statement of accounts, together with the auditor's report for the year 1919 having been in your hands for some days I propose following the usual custom, to take them as read. It may be within the recollection of some of you here today that so far back as our annual meetings of 1915 and 1916 I mentioned when addressing you that we had had enquiries for a sale of our property but that at that time such offers were not considered sufficiently high to warrant consideration. During the year now under review, however, further offers for a sale were again put forward and we eventually received a firm offer of \$1,225,000.00 for the whole of the Property. This offer your Directors, after careful consideration deemed it well to accept, and the property had therefore been sold as stated in the report for this figure, giving a net profit on the sale of \$597,948.19. The Directors feel confident that they have the full approval of the shareholders in their action. Although the property has now been thus disposed of at a satisfactory figure, the Company still retains an interest therein and continues for the present to carry on mortgages thereon to the amount of \$538,300.00 having been granted in accordance with the sale contract to the various assignees at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, for a period of two years, so that we shall be able, for the present, to continue to pay a fair dividend upon our capital. As a result of this sale you will see that it is now proposed in addition to a final dividend for the year of \$3.00 per share to distribute a portion of the profits to shareholders, by way of bonus to the amount of \$29.00 per share which will no doubt meet with your approval. I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and shall be glad if some shareholder will second the motion.  
 Mr. F. Maitland—I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts and to thank the management for caring for our interests.  
 The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.  
 Mr. E. J. Chapman proposed, and Mr. M. S. Northcote seconded, the confirmation of the appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hon. Mr. J. Johnston, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, and the motion was carried.  
 Mr. D. G. M. Bernard proposed, and Mr. L. S. Greenhill seconded, the reelection to the Board of Directors of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, and the motion was carried.  
 Mr. C. S. Gubbay proposed, and Mr. E. M. Sidick seconded, the reappointment of Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., as auditor for the ensuing year, at a remuneration of \$100, and the motion was carried.  
 The Chairman then announced that dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow, and the meeting terminated.

## A SHOPPING INCIDENT.

An Indian was this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with the theft of a pair of boots from a shoemaker's shop. He said he went to the shop to buy a pair of boots in question. He asked the price and the complainant asked for \$3. He offered \$2 but the complainant swore at him and picking up one of the boots threw it at him. He retaliated by throwing the other boot at the complainant whereupon he blew a Police whistle and had witness arrested, alleging that he stole the boots. The complainant said the defendant went to the shop and asked to be shown some boots and after he had inspected several pairs, he grabbed the pair in question and bolted. Witness blew a Police whistle and the defendant was arrested in the street with the boots in his possession. His Worship fined the defendant \$25, or, in default, one month's hard labour.

## PORNOGRAPHY.

When a Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with the unlawful possession of a quantity of indecent pictures, he said that he had just arrived from France where he purchased the pictures. He did not know that it was unlawful to carry them about in Hongkong. Inspector Davitt said that some of the pictures were of a very indecent nature. The defendant was actually seen trying to sell them when he was arrested. The Inspector further stated that there were thousands of these pictures in Hongkong, and it was very difficult for the Police to get hold of the men trafficking in them. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

## ORDER OF ST. JOHN

H.M. the King has been pleased to approve of the following appointments to "The Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England":  
 Honorary Serving Sister—Mrs. A. Hickling, M.B.E.  
 Honorary Serving Brother—Dr. W. V. M. Koch.  
 Dr. Koch and Mrs. Hickling rendered valuable service to the St. John Ambulance Brigade a branch of which was established in the Colony during the War, and which is still working steadily, although the No. 1 Division (of European Ladies) has practically ceased to exist.  
 The Order had its origin in Jerusalem and Acre, in the eleventh century, as an international lay confraternity for the relief of Crusaders, and was later sovereign in Rhodes and in Malta, where from 1530 till 1798 its Knights kept galleys and ralleons, to attack the Barbary Corsairs and to prevent the spread of Turkish rule in the Mediterranean.  
 The energies of the British Order are now devoted to hospitalier work, and are well known.  
 The King is the Sovereign Head and Patron of the Order, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is Grand Prior.  
 The Grades of the Order are Knights of Justice (and Ladies of Grace); Esquires; Honorary Serving Brothers (and Honorary Serving Sisters); Honorary Associates; Donats.  
 The insignia worn by Honorary Serving Brothers and Sisters is a circular medallion consisting of the Maltese Cross in white enamel, embellished in silver on a black ground, the whole mounted in silver, and suspended by a black watered ribbon.  
 There is general satisfaction that the services of Mrs. Hickling and Dr. Koch have been so suitably recognized.

## SEAMEN'S WAGES.

The *China Mail* learns that Mr. N. L. Watson has been nominated to represent the Officers' and Engineers Guilds on the forthcoming arbitration board, in place of Mr. E. A. M. Williams whom the Shipowners' Protection Association rejected. Mr. Watson has been approved by the latter and has consented to act subject to the approval of his Directors in London.  
 Information has also been received that Commander Beckwith, R.N., was nominated by the Shipowners' Protection Association to represent the shipowners but was rejected by the Guilds. Information as to further nominations has not, so far, come to hand.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

## HONGKONG, CANTON &amp; MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1920, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.  
 The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from January 27th to February 10, 1920, both days inclusive.  
 By Order of the Board of Directors,  
 JOHN ARNOLD,  
 Secretary.  
 Hongkong, January 14, 1920.

## NOTICE.

WE ACCEPT TENDERS UNTIL THE 31st INSTANT FOR THE DEMOLITION AND PURCHASE OF MATERIALS OF

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Apply to—  
 Messrs. R. RAMOS & CO.,  
 No. 36, Ice House Street, Ground Floor.

Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

## HONGKONG - SINGAPORE

THE S.S. "PROMINENT" will sail about 23rd January for SINGAPORE.

For Freight, passage and further particulars

Apply GUTIERREZ, MANU & Co., Charterers  
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 Phone 3264.

## TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

A CONGREGATION of the UNIVERSITY of Hongkong, will be held in the GREAT HALL on FRIDAY, January 16th, at 5 p.m. at which The Chancellor of the University, His Excellency The Governor of the Colony, will confer Degrees.  
 Admission will be by ticket only.  
 N. T. MACKINTOSH,  
 Registrar.  
 Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

## THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT &amp; TRADING CO., LTD.

ACCORDING to telegraphic advices received from LONDON, The "SHELL" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd., have declared an interim dividend of 2½ per share on account of the year 1919, on the ordinary shares of the Company, free of Income Tax. It is payable on the 31st January, against Coupon No. 33.  
 Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

## THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, 29th January, 1920, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 19th to THURSDAY, 29th January 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
 THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

— MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
 Secretary to  
 The General Managers.  
 Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

## THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, the 29th January, 1920, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 19th to THURSDAY, 29th January 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
 MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
 Secretary.  
 Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT &amp; AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, 29th January 1920, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 19th to THURSDAY, 29th January 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
 MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
 Secretary.  
 Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), ON

## FRIDAY,

January 16, 1920, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 3, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A small consignment of Cigarettes, Tobacco, &c., as follows.

Gold Flake.

Navy Cut.

Woodbine.

&c., &c.

and several lots John Cotton's Smoking Tobacco.

The above will be sold in small lots to suit buyers.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

(For Account of the Concerned),

## FRIDAY,

January 16, 1920 at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 3, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

4 Cases Felt hats,

9 " Caps,

5 " Hair tonic,

5 " Eau-de-Cologne,

1 Case snap fasteners, elastic boot webbs, &c., &c.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 14, 1920.

(For ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

## TUESDAY,

January 20, 1920, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 3, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All rotten, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

All claims must be presented within FIFTEEN DAYS of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst., will be subject to sale.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

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